

## ENGLISH SOLDIER AVENGES BETRAYAL OF WIFE—GETS ONE YEAR IN JAIL

London, Dec. 29.—Richard Cunningham, 34, the lance-corporal who killed his wife in a fit of grief over her betrayal while he was in the trenches, today began a sentence of one year under a manslaughter charge. The stern English jury frankly tempered justice with mercy in Cunningham's case, in which the unwritten law played a deciding part.

Cunningham, taking his turn in the trenches, was tormented by his wife's silence. He seldom heard from her during his first few months with the colors and later her letters ceased altogether. Friends wrote him mentioning a mysterious caller at his home in London. The soldier wrote to local authorities in an effort to learn what had become of his little son, but received scant satisfaction in the official replies with their impersonal wording and red tape.

At the first opportunity Cunningham obtained leave from France and returned home. A few days later the police found him lying unconscious across the dead form of his wife. She had been strangled.

An officer said Cunningham was a high type of soldier, without a single black mark against his name in the army records. His former employer gave him a similar good character.

In passing the minimum sentence the jury recommended that the convicted soldier ought not to be compelled to serve his term among common criminals.

## TO DISCUSS H. C. OF L.

The high cost of living and how it can best be successfully met will be discussed at mass meeting at Washington Park Forum, 351 E. 51st, tonight. W. J. McSweeney will talk. Discussion then open to all. Representatives of women's clubs and other public-spirited women are especially invited.

## COUNCIL GETS REPEAT OFFER ON SUBWAY PROPOSITION —OTHER DOINGS

The city council yesterday received a proposition from the Walston J. Brown Co. of 52 Broadway, New York, repeating its offer of three years ago to build a city-wide subway in Chicago. It was referred to local transportation committee.

A financial survey and ten-year forecast of local governments was ordered to be prepared.

City council will be constituted the power of last resort over saloon licenses if an ordinance introduced by Ald. Haderlein goes over. He says organized liquor dealers are for it because they believe the council and not the mayor should have the final say-so in the revocation of saloon licenses.

Frederick H. Bartlett, real estate operator, was confirmed in appointment to city treasurer's office.

Water supply of Burr Oak inn was ordered cut off on request of Ald. Block's constituents. The inn is just outside the city line and is reported "disorderly."

Frank I. Bennett, E. R. Pike and F. L. R. Francisco were named new harbor and subway commission.

## CAN YOU TODDLE? — BETTER LEARN—IT'S ALL THE RAGE

New York, Dec. 29.—Can you toddle?

Toddling is New York's latest dance diversion. G. Hepburn Wilson explained it to a convention of dancing masters and it was pronounced the season's dance hit.

"There is a 'break' in the music for the toddle similar to the break in the old-fashioned clog dance. The toddle formula follows:

Man takes four steps forward, the woman four steps backward, pivot and turn on one foot.

In Italy the refuse gathered from the streets is sold at auction.